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Applicants:	Robert E. KRANCHER et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	7402
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For:	Identifying And Synchronizing Incompatibilities Between A Portable Computer And A Docking Station	§	Docket No.:	200301969-1
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Date: May 7, 2004

AMENDMENT

Sir,

In response to the final Office action of April 6, 2004, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.